Insurance Office (Clerical vacancies).

Q.—550. Sri R. MUNISWAMIAH (Bangalore North-Scheduled Castes).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the number of clerks appointed in the Insurance Office from 1st October 1955 to 1st February 1956, whose names are not included in the Public Service Commission list ;

(*b*) when the list of vacancies in that office will be published for the information of the public ;

(*c*) why they appoint local candidates in the vacancies of that office ;

(*d*) whether they are sending for some candidates and appoint them as local candidates whenever vacancies occur ;

(*e*) the number of local candidates working for over three months ?

A.—Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA (Chief Minister).—

(*a*) 26.

(*b*) It is not published.

(*c*) Local arrangements of an interim nature are made in the interest of work of the Department in the following circumstances :—

(1) When the list of approved candidates is not received in time from the Public Service Commission ;

OR

(2) when there is not sufficient number of candidates in the approved lists received from the Public Service Commission ;

OR

(3) when the candidates of the list assigned by the Public Service Commission do not respond to orders of appointment issued by the Department.

(*d*) Does not arise in view of reply to (*c*) above.

(*e*) 45.

Minto Ophthalmic Hospital.

Q.—555. Sri R. MUNISWAMIAH (Bangalore North-Scheduled Castes).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the number of in-patients and out-patients treated in the Minto Ophthalmic Hospital during the years 1952-53, 1953-54, 1954-55 and 1955-56 ;

(*b*) whether it has been contemplated to extend the building ;

(*c*) whether it has been ordered that the doctors of this hospital have to pay weekly visits to District Hospitals ;

(*d*) whether the work of this hospital has suffered on this account ;

(*e*) whether they will consider the desirability of appointing a well qualified eye-specialist to tour throughout the State and treat the patients ?

A.—Sri T. CHANNIAH (Minister for Public Health and Local Self-Government).—

(*a*)—*Year*	*In-patients*	*Out-patients*
1952 ...	2,630	41,321
1953 ...	2,715	38,342
1954 ...	3,234	46,773
1955 ...	4,891	49,972

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) No. It is only the Superintendent of the Institution that is paying fortnightly visits to certain District Hospitals.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) In view of the scheme for Statewide Intensive Blind Relief through Mobile Eye clinics organised and operated by Dr. M. C. Modi with the assistance of Government, it is considered that the appointment of an Eye Specialist is not necessary at present. Dr. Modi's scheme has been sanctioned by Government for a period of three years at a cost of Rs. 47,840 per annum exclusive of nursing personnel.